

ALBERT W. JONES.

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MR. PATTERSON, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6999.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6999) granting an increase of pension to Albert W. Jones, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

Albert W. Jones, now 68 years of age, served as second lieutenant in Company B, Seventeenth Illinois Infantry, from May 25, 1861, to September 14, 1862, when honorably discharged.

He received a gunshot wound of the right hand, left thigh, and body in action at Fort Donelson, February 14, 1862, and is now pensioned under the general law on account of these wounds at \$17 per month.

A claim for increase of pension was rejected in August, 1903, upon the ground that a higher rating on account of the pensioned disabilities was not warranted.

When last examined, on May 6, 1903, the board of surgeons at Greeley, Colo., recommended a rating of \$30 per month on account of the pensioned disabilities, and also stated that there was general debility from wounds and age, and that he also suffers from a complete left hernia. The wounds were described as follows:

"We find the fourth finger of right hand amputated on middle of proximal phalanx.

"We find a gunshot wound of back and abdomen, wound of entrance about 4 inches from the center of the back to the left, three-fourths inch in diameter; wound of exit 3 inches left of umbilicus, adherent, retracted, and sensitive. Track of wound probably through abdominal cavity. Passes bloody urine frequently, as has been repeatedly witnessed by a member of the board. Attacks brought on by slightest exertion.

"Left leg swollen, of a dark, livid color. Covered very evenly through clear down to the foot by a network of varicose veins closely interwoven at middle of thigh. The evidence of defective circulation involves the whole leg up to its juncture with body.

"This claimant is so disabled from gunshot wound of hip and body as to be incapacitated from performing any manual labor, and is entitled to \$30 per month."

Your committee believes that according to the findings of the board of examining surgeons of May 6, 1903, this soldier is totally disabled for the performance of manual labor by reason of the pensioned disabilities, and that hence relief to the extent of increasing his pension to \$30 per month is warranted.

The passage of the bill is recommended.